

ABSTRACT

A kit and method for collecting a saliva sample for subsequent biologic assay ~~that avoids collection contact with the biohazardous saliva sample.~~ The kit includes a container, a preservative solution that is retained in the container and a saliva collection device. A ~~subsequent laboratory assay performed by conventional techniques specific to the biologic of interest provides results comparable to those obtained from blood or urine samples.~~ The kit allows an employee to remain at his or her place of business and requires only a minor ~~inconvenience during testing.~~ The method includes the steps of providing a container with a preservative solution and providing a saliva collection device with a salivation catalyst disposed thereon. Saliva is collected at a first location using the device, the device is deposited in the container and the container is sealed.